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18 January 1945

SUBJECT: SCI WEEKLY OPERATIONS REPORT
Wednesday, 10 January thru Wednesday, 17 January

TO: Chief, X-2 (Western Europe)

IV. CASES OPERATING:

(e) WREN: While waiting at contact point for agents of OSTRICH operation, subject apprehended an escaped German prisoner from a POW camp, nearby.

(f) TEAL: Remains in custody at PCIC, otherwise no change.

(g) GULL: Has been returned to his house under SCI surveillance as letter-box for OSTRICH operation.

(k) FLOWER: Subject is holding discussions with DSDOC concerning activities of his sub-agent ROBERT as a double-agent during the occupation. Subject is also preparing to go to work with ROBERT and POSY, another sub-agent of subject, to Alsace to set up a CE réseau under SCI auspices.

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OSTRICH AND THE BRANDENBURG DIVISION

OSTRICH and HAGEDORN had a conversation in October 1944 with Oberst BEHLE, chief of the staff of the 85th Army Corps at Belfort, who told them that he was working with some groups of the BRANDENBURG Division. A few days later OSTRICH met the officers in charge of these groups: they were Hauptmann TRAEGER, Oberleutnant STIEFFLER (?) and Oberfaehrich SCHWINN.

Although he is only an Oberfaehrich, SCHWINN was certainly head of the group. Description: Height about 1m 74; average build but very athletic; dark brown wavy hair; wore glasses. He has a Swiss mother and was a student in Switzerland, and he has a Swiss dialect. He speaks excellent French, knows France and understands the French people. He was active in the South of France in the area of Marseilles and Nice, using P.P.F. men in German uniform. He is critical of the S.D., and is alleged to have sent a report to HIMMLER on its work in France.

OSTRICH says that SCHWINN is the only really intelligent BRANDENBURG man he has met, and believes that he will be used again in espionage or sabotage in France.

JIGGER comments that SCHWINN was working under Major BANSER in the 8th Company stationed at Avignon in October 1943 as instructor of French volunteers.

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